

Dear Governor Schwarznegger

I am writing to make you aware of my opposition to the actions proposed in the draft EIR/EIS for the South Delta Improvements Program. SDIP is another attempt to appropriate additional water from the already-compromised Bay-Delta Estuary. The dredging, barriers, and eventual increased pumping and water exports of SDIP will only worsen the Delta Ecosystem Crash (aka Pelagic Organism Decline). Instead of the measures proposed by your Department of Water Resources, measures that will benefit special interests such as Westlands Water District, I request the following: Withdraw the EIR/EIS. Reduce pumping rates and water exports to those that existed in the early 2000s when Delta Smelt appeared to be on the road to recovery. Increase ecosystem restoration measures. Improve water quality. Ensure the ecosystem of the Bay-Delta Estuary, including its fishery resources, is restored and self-sustaining before you consider appropriating more its lifeblood (water). You have promised to be a champion of the environment and impervious to special interests. The Bay-Delta Estuary, and the Californians that treasure it, request you honor these promises. As California's Water Plan demonstrates, our needs will be met for several more decades through conservation, reclamation, efficiency, and conjunctive use. I trust you will not be remembered as the Governor that drove the last nail in the Delta's coffin.

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